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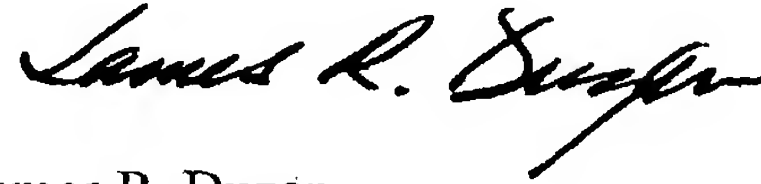
Sir:

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/920,253, filed August 1, 2001, pending, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/481,166, filed January 12, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,287,503, issued September 11, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/019,226, filed February 5, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,117,382, issued September 12, 2000.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 2001.06(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information of record in the prior applications, and to confirm in the first Office Action on the merits that such art has in fact been reviewed. A PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 form listing all of the information of record in the prior applications is enclosed herewith.

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